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SUBJECT: MASIRAH ISLAND

REF: MUSCAT 0644 AND 0471

1. PROSPECTS FOR ANY SORT OF MASIRAH RESPONSE FROM OMANGOV IN NEXT COUPLE WEEKS APPEAR DIM. FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI, EQUERRY TIM LONDON AND DEFMIN DIRECTOR BROWNING ALL LEFT FOR "BUSINESS" IN LONDON APRIL 28-29, AND THEIR OFFICES EXPECT THEM BACK MAY 9 OR 10. ZAWAWI, WHO HAS BEEN HOME ILL WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY RECENT WEEKS, WILL ALSO BE UNDERGOING MEDICAL EXAM ACCORDING TO HIS OFFICE DIRECTOR (WHO APOLOGIZED FOR MINISTER'S INABILITY TO SEE ME BEFORE HE LEFT OMAN, DESPITE MY REQUEST MADE SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER).

2. I HAVE REQUESTED AUDIENCE WITH SULTAN QABOOS STATING HOPE THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE BEFORE MY TENTATIVE DEPARTURE MAY 9 FOR CONSULTATION/LEAVE. WHILE THERE IS NO GUARANTEE WHATEVER THIS WILL BE GRANTED, FACT THAT SULTAN RETURNED HERE FROM SALALAH APRIL 26, MAY IMPROVE CHANCES SOMEWHAT. SHOULD AUDIENCE COME THROUGH, I PLAN TO GIVE QABOOS EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS ON OUR USE OF MASIRAH. WILL OF COURSE BE GUIDED BY INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE 062009. MEANWHILE I AM ATTEMPTING SEE

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FONMIN UNDERSECRETARY YRNSUF AL-ALAWI FROM WHOM I WILL TRY TO SMOKE OUT SOMETHING REGARDING CURRENT OMANI THINKING ON OUR REQUEST.

3. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY IF DEPT. HAS ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR EITHER MEETING.
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